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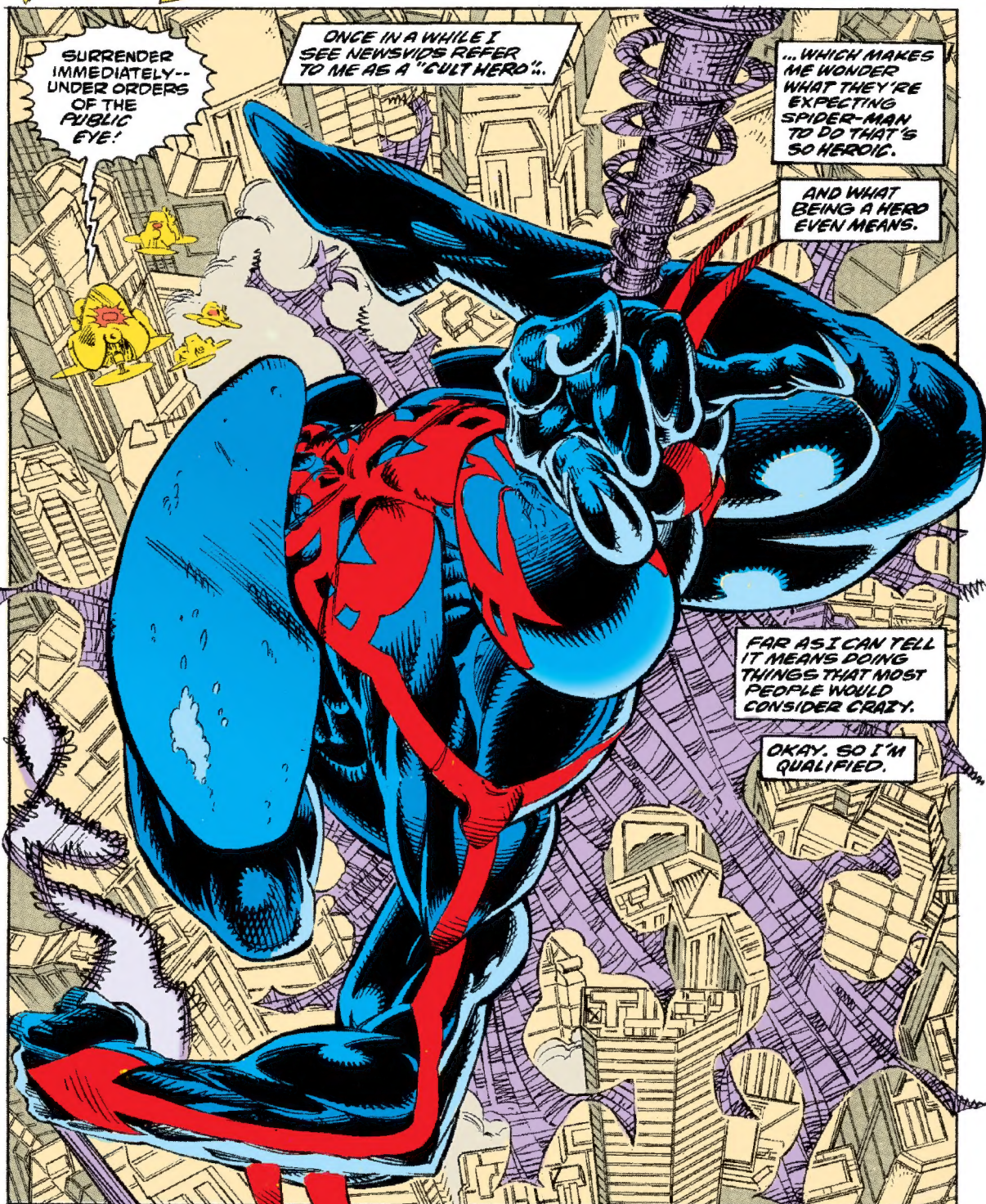
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SPARECHANGES



SURRENDER
IMMEDIATELY--
UNDER ORDERS
OF THE
PUBLIC
EYE!

ONCE IN A WHILE I
SEE NEWSVIDS REFER
TO ME AS A "CULT HERO"...

...WHICH MAKES
ME WONDER
WHAT THEY'RE
EXPECTING
SPIDER-MAN
TO DO THAT'S
SO HEROIC.

AND WHAT
BEING A HERO
EVEN MEANS.

FAR AS I CAN TELL
IT MEANS DOING
THINGS THAT MOST
PEOPLE WOULD
CONSIDER CRAZY.

OKAY. SO I'M
QUALIFIED.

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--BLASTERS ARE
JUST BOUNCING
OFF--

--THAT WEAPONS
VAN ARMOR IS
JUST TOO THICK--
HOW ARE WE
GONNA STOP IT?

HEY, I WANNA
KNOW HOW THEY
HIJACKED IT IN
THE FIRST PLACE!

THIS IS LIEUTENANT
FLYNN--CAN THE
CHATTER TROOPS! THE
POINT IS THAT THE VAN
HAS ENOUGH FIRE-
POWER TO HOLD A
SMALL CITY HOSTAGE--
NOW TAKE IT DOWN!

NOT THAT I'M
COMPLAINING.

PWEE
PWEE

AND NAIL THAT
WEB-SPINNER
HANGING OFF ITS
BACK WHILE
YOU'RE AT IT!

IN FACT...
MAYBE I'M A
BIT OVER-
QUALIFIED.

IT'S JUST THAT IT'S
NO FUN BEING SHOT
AT BY THE PUBLIC
EYE...

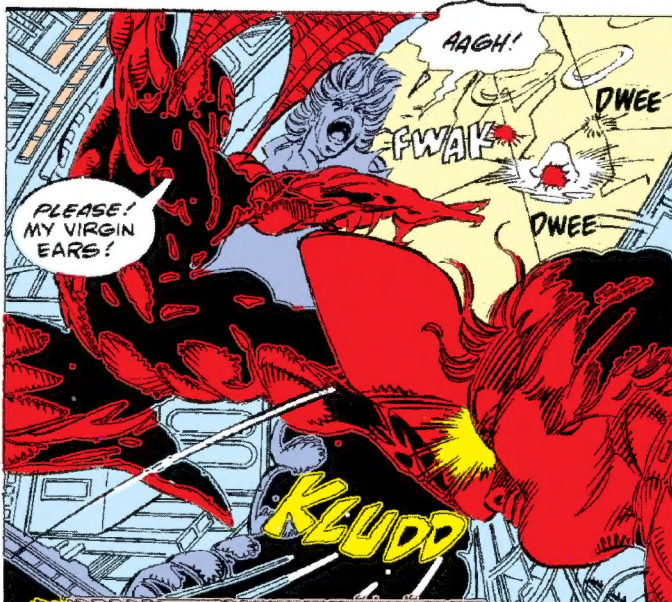
...WHILE YOU'RE
TRYING TO DO
THEIR JOB
FOR THEM!

BUT IF THE
HIJACKERS
ESCAPE
WITH THIS
WEAPONS
VAN...

CHRAKX

WHAT
THE
SHOCK...?

...THEY COULD REALLY
RUIN SOMEBODY'S
DAY!



PLEASE!
MY VIRGIN
EARS!

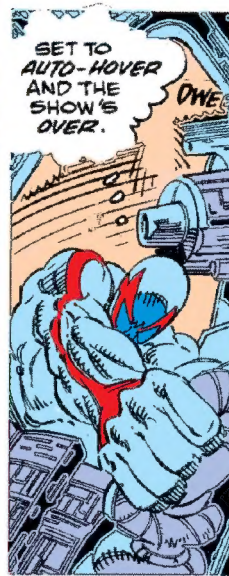
AAGH!

DWEE

FWAAK

DWEE

KLUDD



SET TO
AUTO-HOVER
AND THE
SHOW'S
OVER.

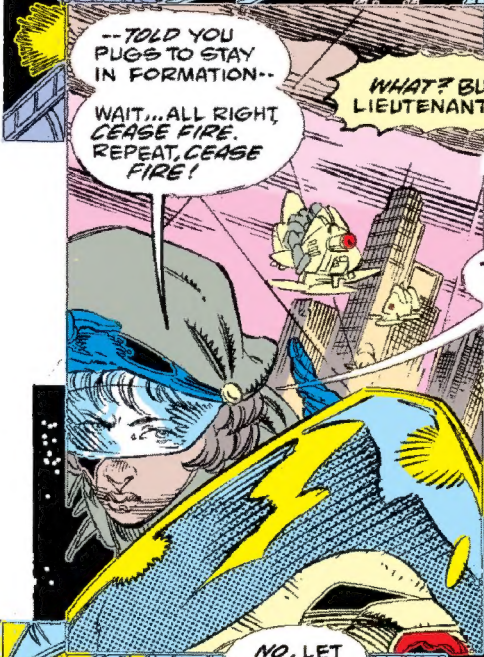
DWE



DWEE

NOT QUITE...
THOSE P.E.
FEEBS ARE
STILL FIRING
AT THIS BEAST!

HM, WHERE'S
THE COMMUNI-
CATOR...?



--TOLD YOU
PUGS TO STAY
IN FORMATION--

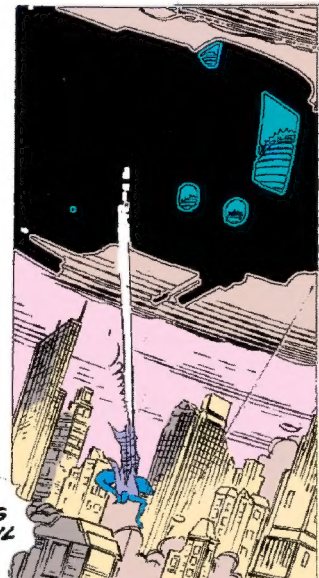
WAIT...ALL RIGHT,
CEASE FIRE.
REPEAT, CEASE
FIRE!

WHAT? BUT,
LIEUTENANT--

THAT'S AN
ORDER!



LOOK!
SPIDER-MAN'S
BAILING! NAIL
HIM!

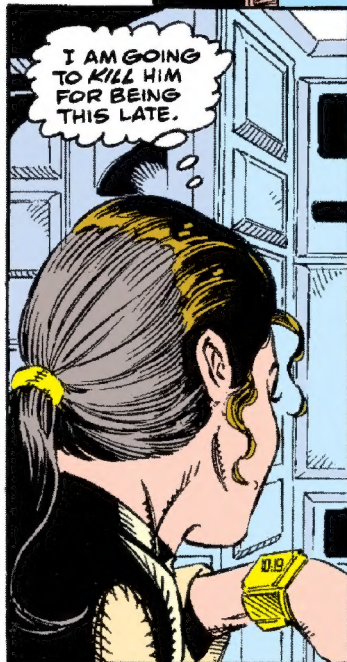


NO. LET
HIM GO.

Lieutenant, I
have no inten-
tion of attack-
ing you...
unless you
keep firing on
me, Spider-

**10:04 A
M**

YUP, I'M
REALLY, REALLY
LATE.

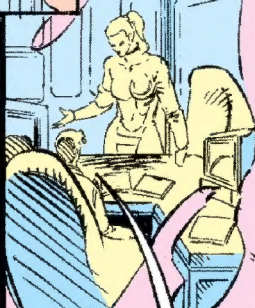


I'M SORRY, MS. BENOIT...

MIGUEL IS USUALLY VERY PUNCTUAL.

HE KNEW WE WERE SCHEDULED TO MEET HERE AT HELIX AT 9:30.

THIS IS REALLY NOT LIKE HIM.



WELL, MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST START WITHOUT HIM, MS. COYE.

WE MAY BE JUST AN ALCHEMAX SUBSIDIARY, BUT WE STILL HAVE THINGS TO DO.

I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU AROUND THE HELIX BUILDING BEFORE WE GET TO THE ACTUAL REASON FOR YOUR VISIT FROM ALCHEMAX...

ALMOST THERE...

YOU MEAN THE HIGH-SPEED DNA SCANNERS.

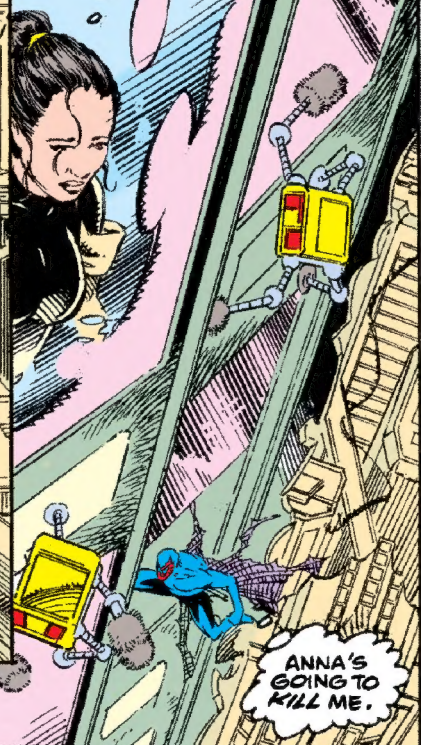
OF COURSE, AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE Holo-SIM, WE'VE REDUCED THEIR SIZE AGAIN. THESE BABIES WILL BE IN EVERY DOCTOR'S OFFICE IN THE WORLD WITHIN A YEAR.

SO, SHALL WE BEGIN YOUR LITTLE TOUR?

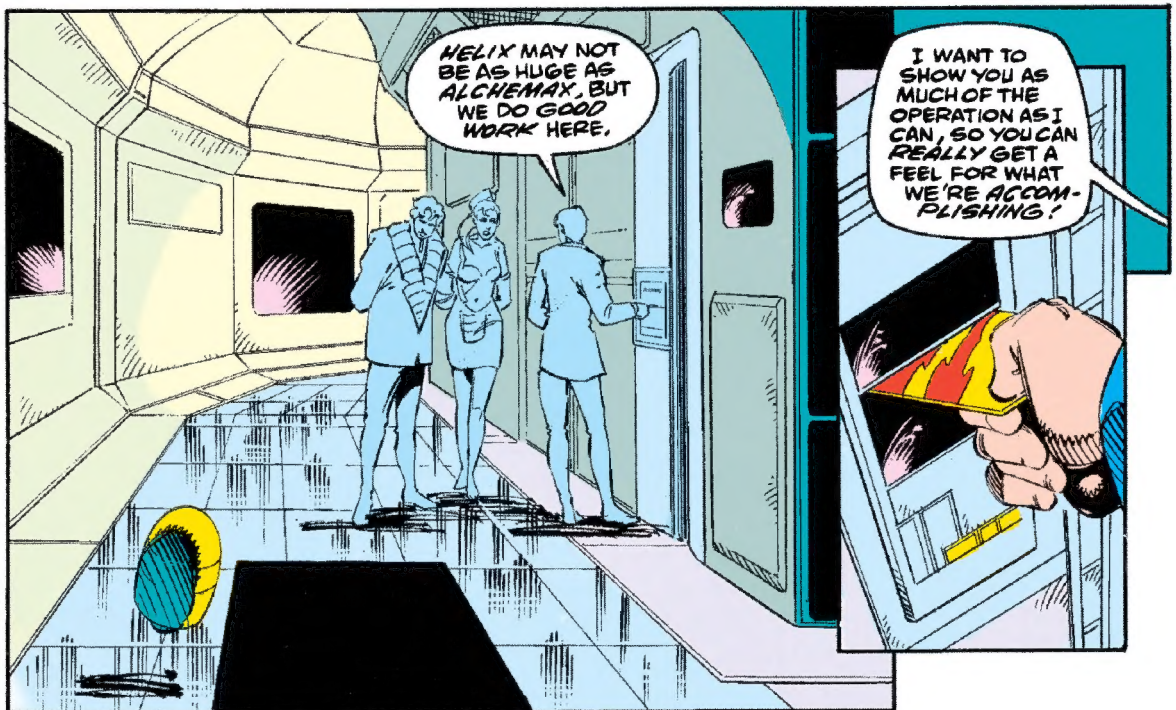
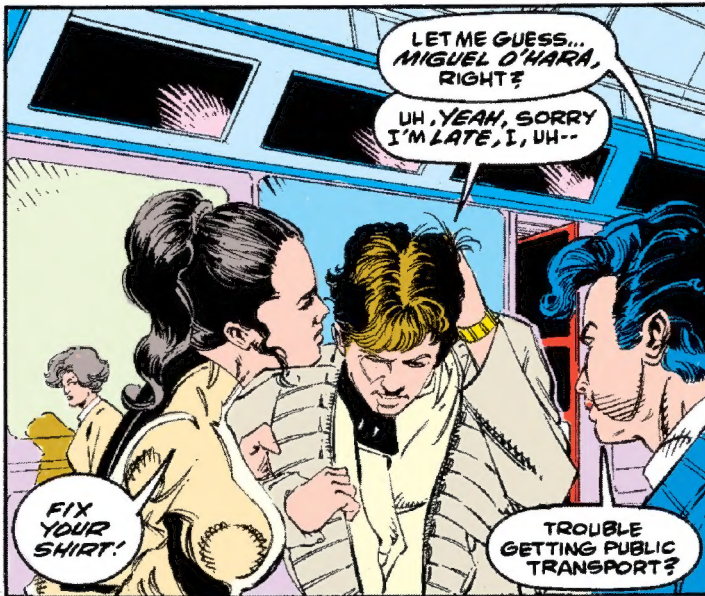
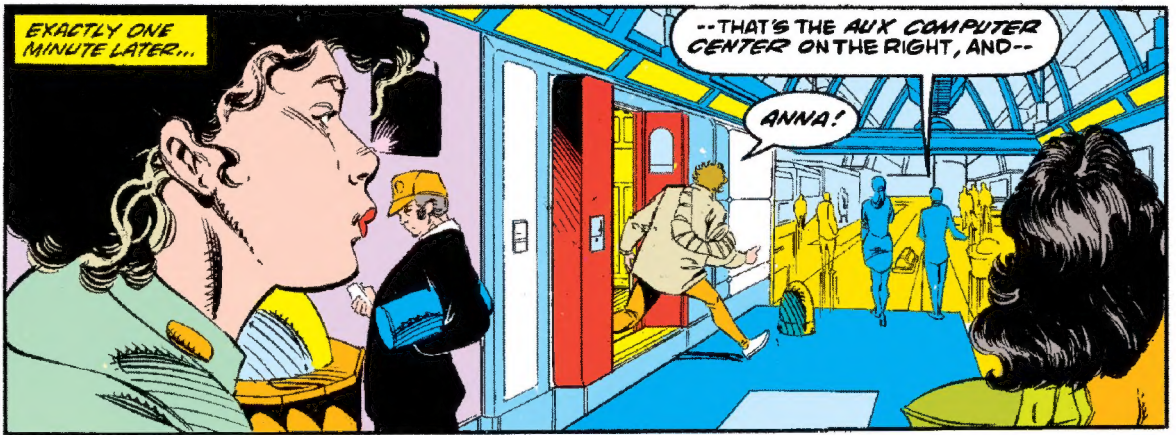


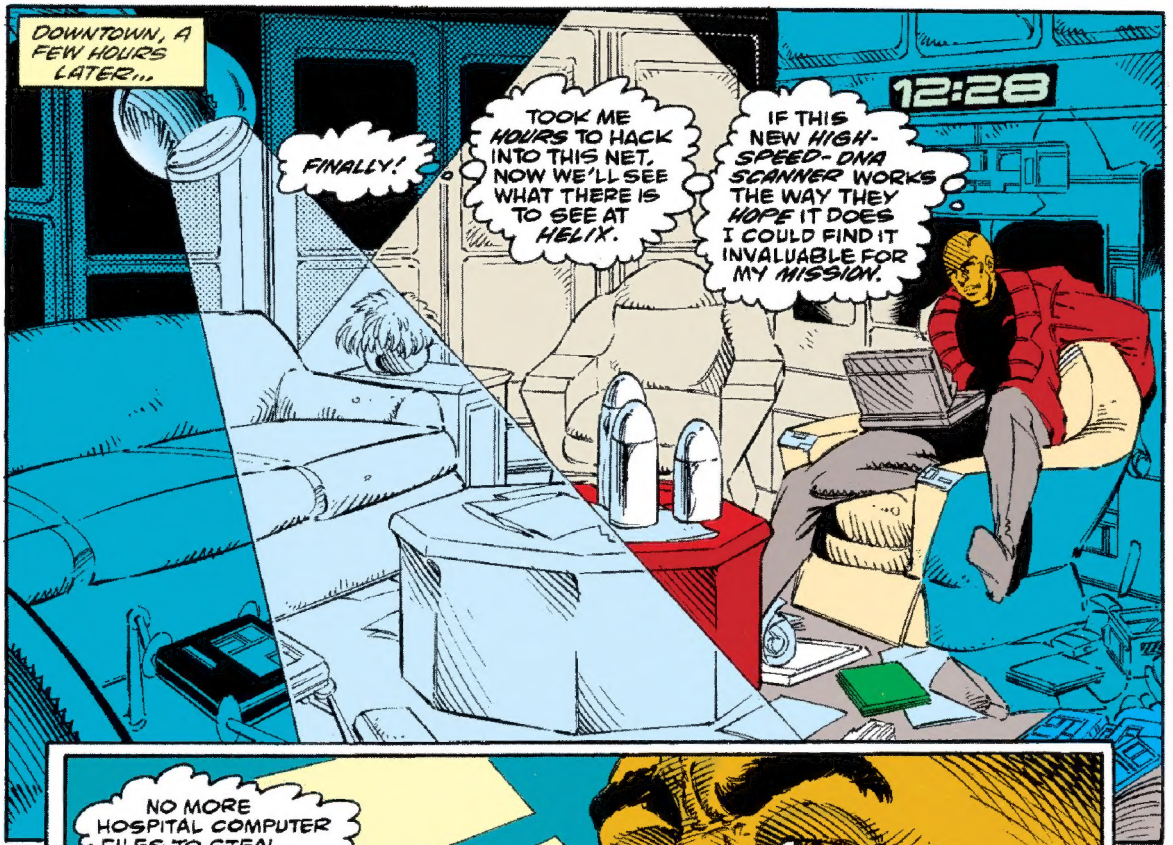
UH... ALL RIGHT.

MIGUEL... I AM GOING TO KILL YOU...



ANNA'S GOING TO KILL ME.





DOWNTOWN, A FEW HOURS LATER...

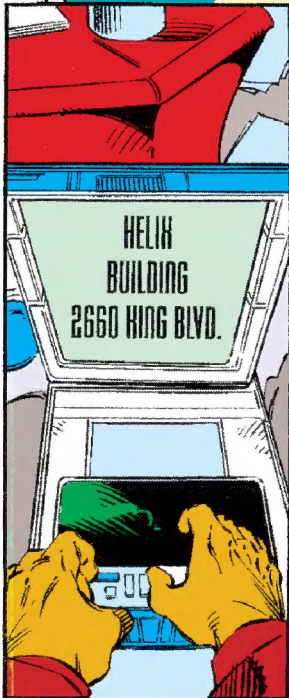
FINALLY!

TOOK ME HOURS TO HACK INTO THIS NET, NOW WE'LL SEE WHAT THERE IS TO SEE AT HELIX.

IF THIS NEW HIGH-SPEED-DNA SCANNER WORKS THE WAY THEY HOPE IT DOES I COULD FIND IT INVALUABLE FOR MY MISSION.

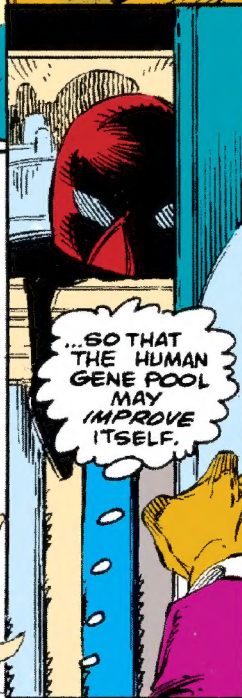
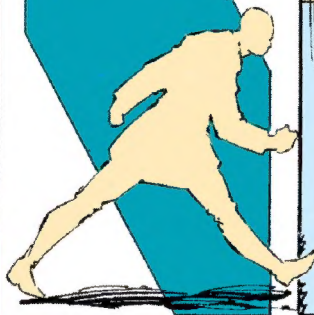
NO MORE HOSPITAL COMPUTER FILES TO STEAL, NO MORE GUESS-WORK.

I COULD USE THE SCANNER RIGHT ON THE STREET--MAKE MY DECISIONS ON THE SPOT.

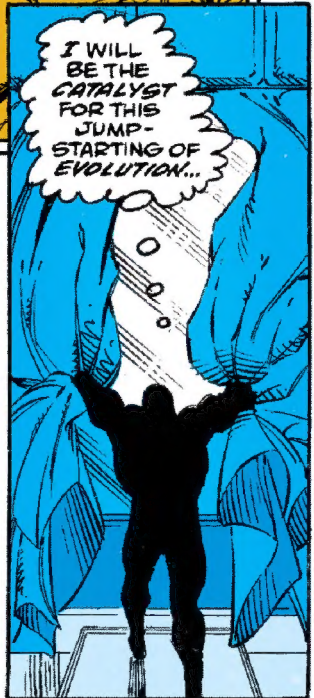


THOSE WITH PURE, HEALTHY DNA WILL BE ALLOWED TO LIVE AND REPRODUCE.

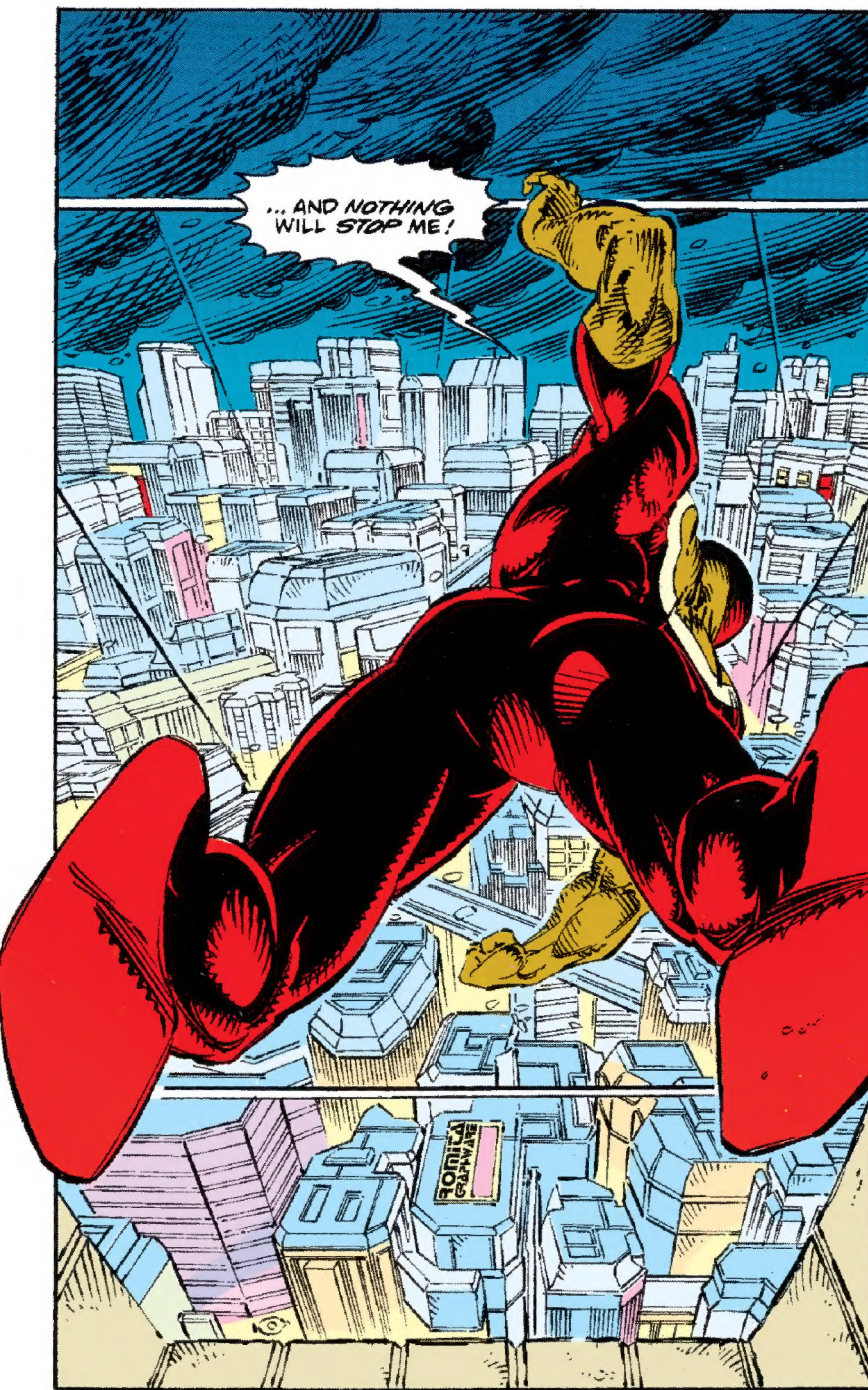
THOSE WITH INHERITABLE GENETIC DEFECTS MUST DIE...



...SO THAT THE HUMAN GENE POOL MAY IMPROVE ITSELF.



I WILL BE THE CATALYST FOR THIS JUMP-STARTING OF EVOLUTION...

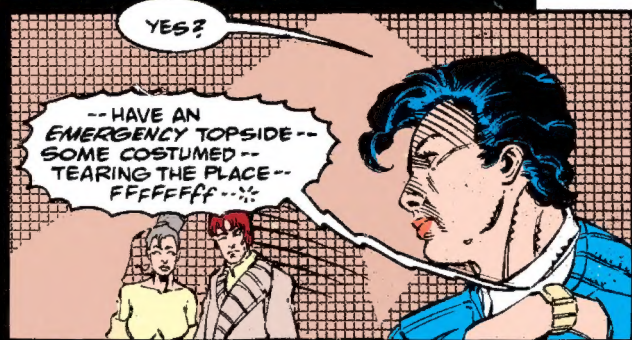
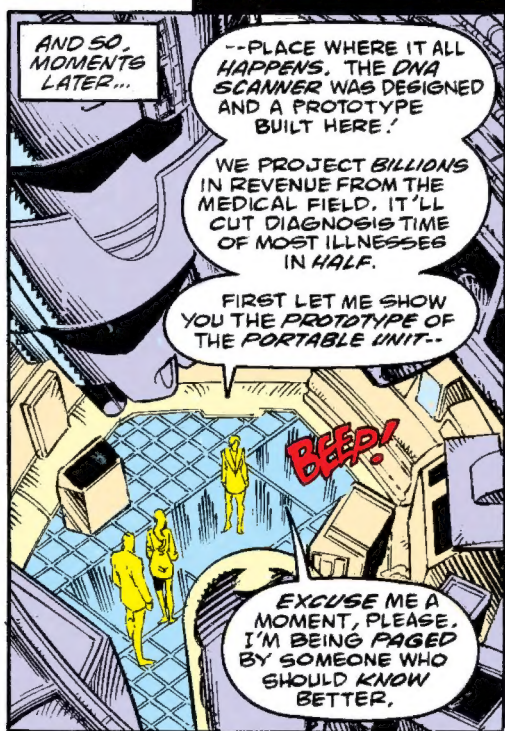
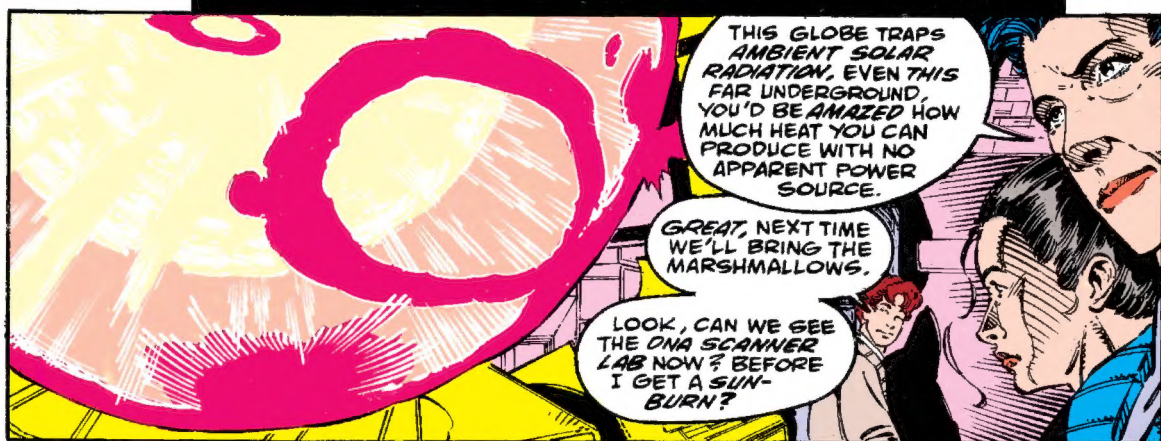
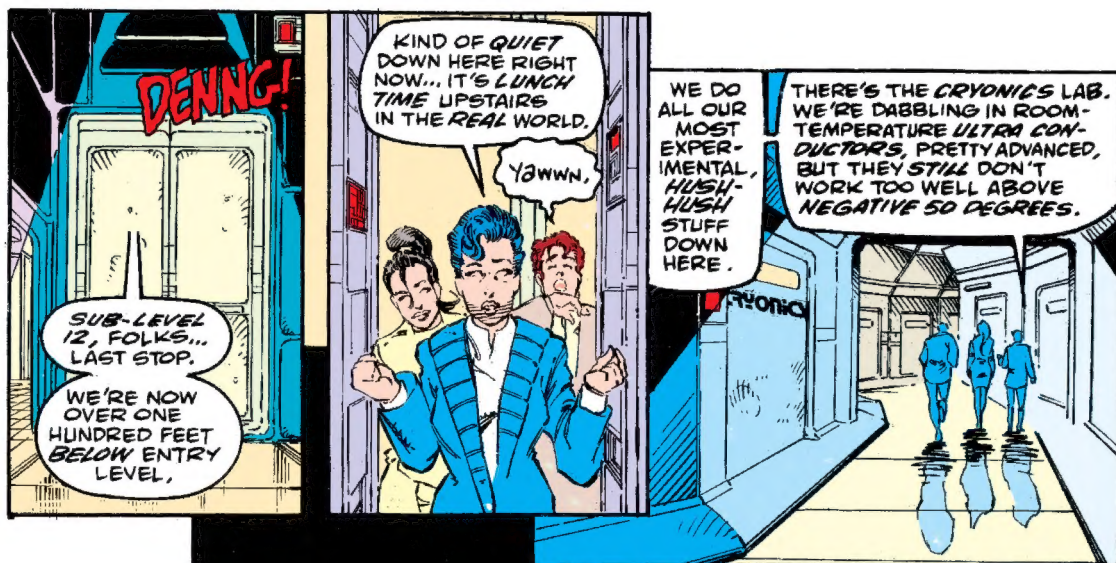


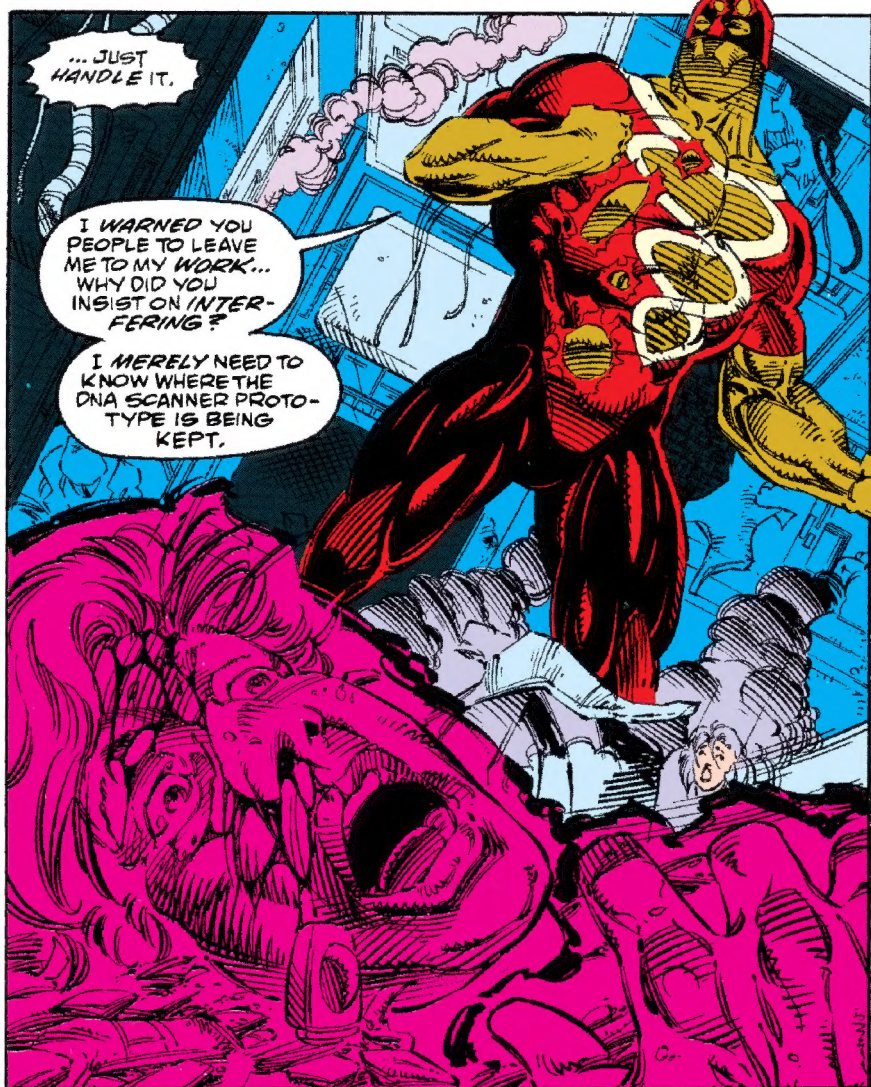
OTHERWISE,
THE HUMAN
RACE WILL
STAGNATE...
CEASE TO
ADAPT.

AND NO ONE
KNOWS MORE
ABOUT
ADAPTATION...

THAN I--

--MUTAGEN!





... JUST
HANDLE IT.

I WARNED YOU
PEOPLE TO LEAVE
ME TO MY WORK...
WHY DID YOU
INSIST ON INTER-
FERING?

I MERELY NEED TO
KNOW WHERE THE
DNA SCANNER PROTO-
TYPE IS BEING
KEPT.



AND THIS
COMPUTER
WILL TELL
ME...

JƏVƏJ-AUZ

SI



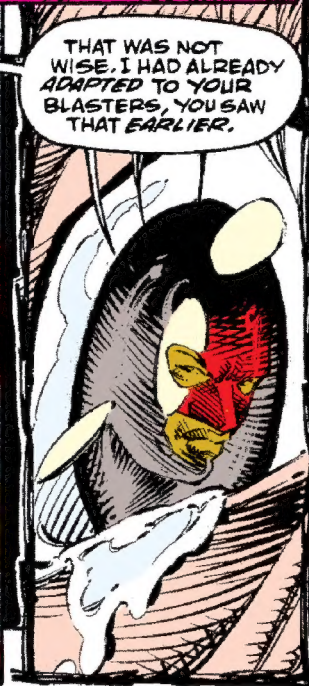
EVEN SIMPLER
THAN I EXPECTED
YOUR SECURITY
MEASURES ARE
SOERLY
LACKING.

I'LL SHOW
YOU "LACKING,"
YOU SON OF
A--



WHAT
IS THIS?

SKREE!



THAT WAS NOT
WISE. I HAD ALREADY
ADAPTED TO YOUR
BLASTERS, YOU SAW
THAT EARLIER.



PROBABLY
BEST THAT YOU
DON'T PASS YOUR
IDIOCY TO
FUTURE
GENERATIONS...



VERY IMPRESSIVE, MS. BENOIT, I CAN'T GET OVER HOW FAST THIS SCANNER MAKES A DIAGNOSIS--

ESPECIALLY IN SUCH A COMPACT UNIT!

I'M GLAD YOU'RE IMPRESSED. I'M SURE **ALCHEMAX** WILL FIND THIS DEVICE HIGHLY USEFUL... AND MARKETABLE--

SHKREWWHHH



WHAT THE SHOCK WAS THAT?

SOUNDED LIKE METAL...

YEAH... METAL UNDER STRESS...

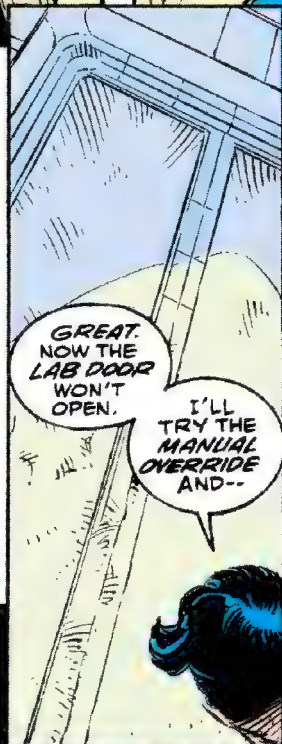


"... MAYBE IT NEEDS TO TAKE A VACATION."



I'M SORRY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PLACE TODAY.

EXCUSE ME WHILE I TRY TO FIND OUT.



GREAT. NOW THE LAB DOOR WON'T OPEN.

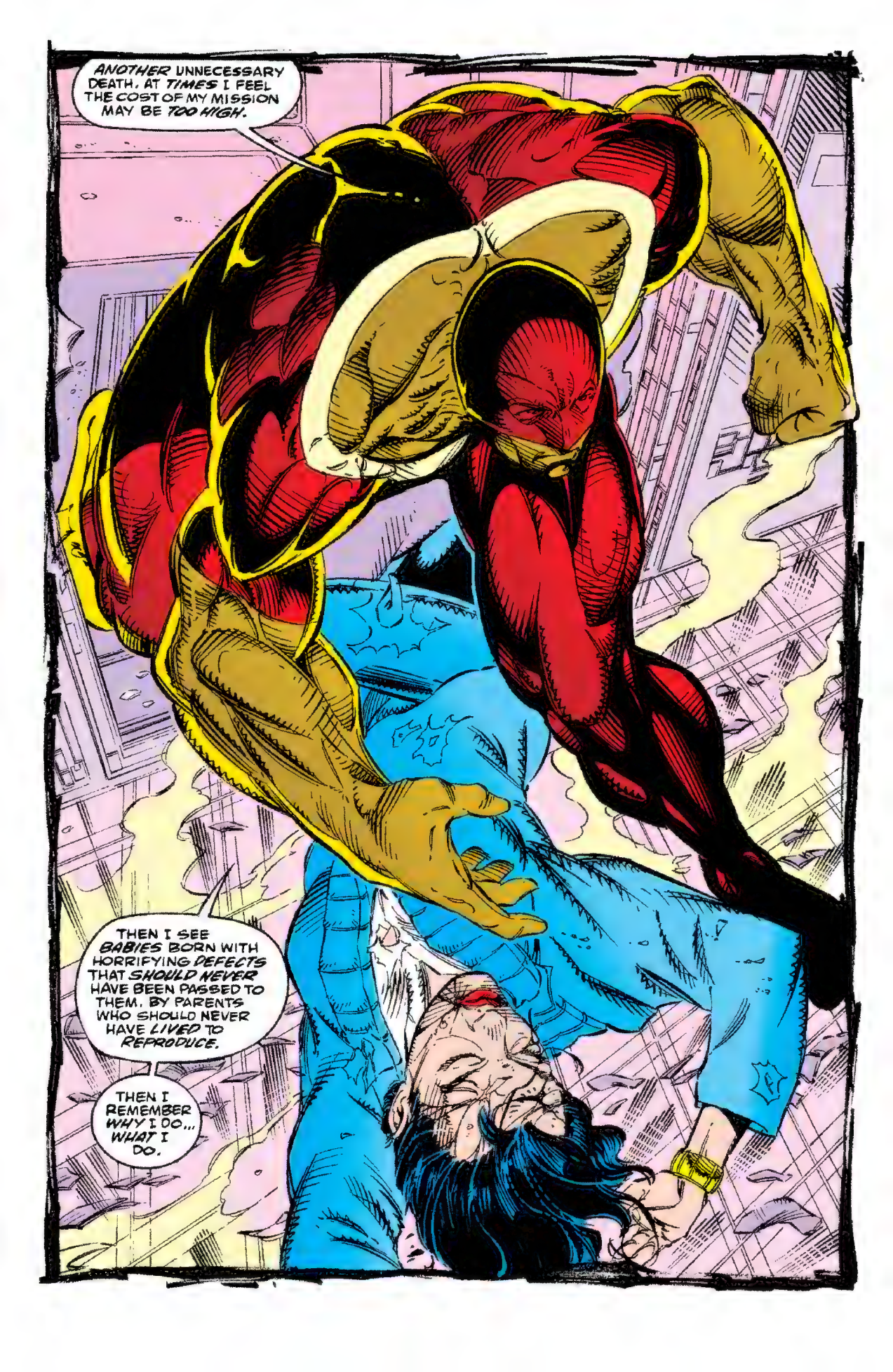
I'LL TRY THE MANUAL OVERRIDE AND--



WHAT IN THE --



WHUDDOMMM!



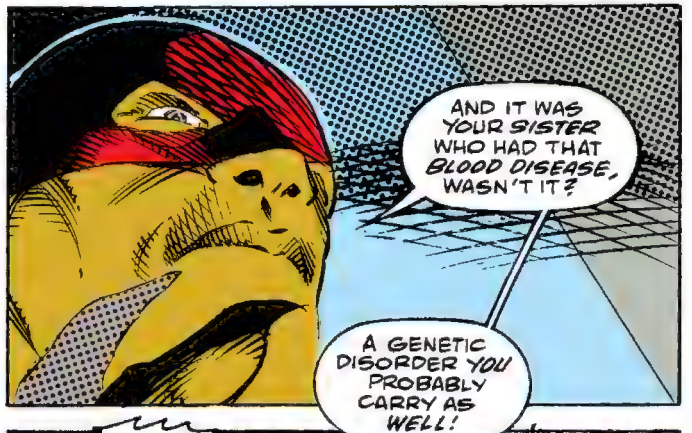
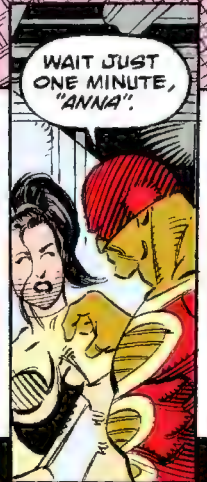
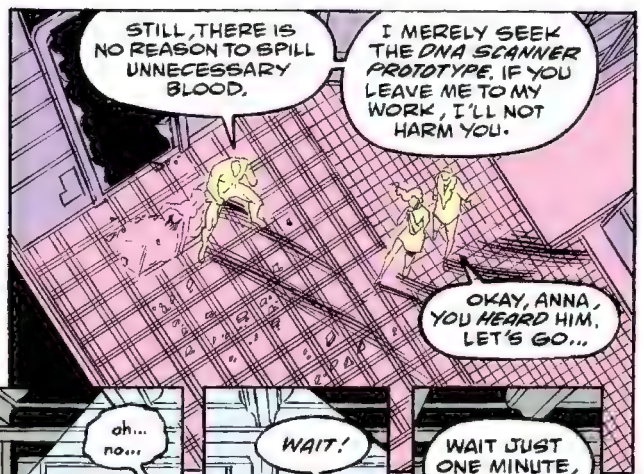
ANOTHER UNNECESSARY
DEATH. AT TIMES I FEEL
THE COST OF MY MISSION
MAY BE TOO HIGH.

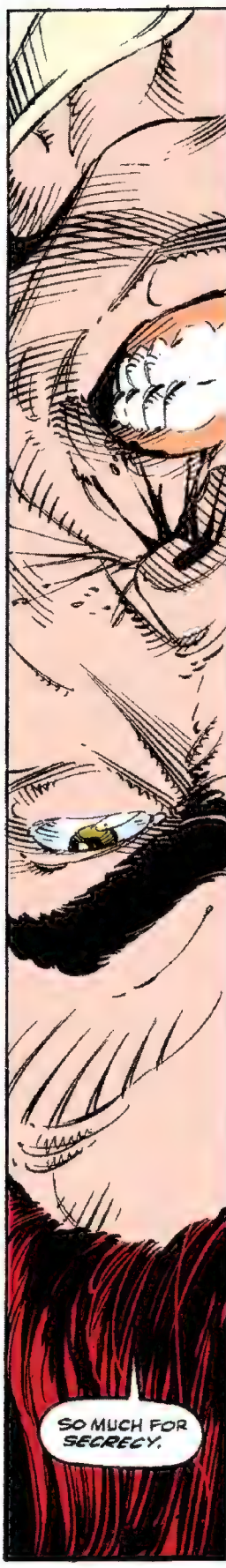
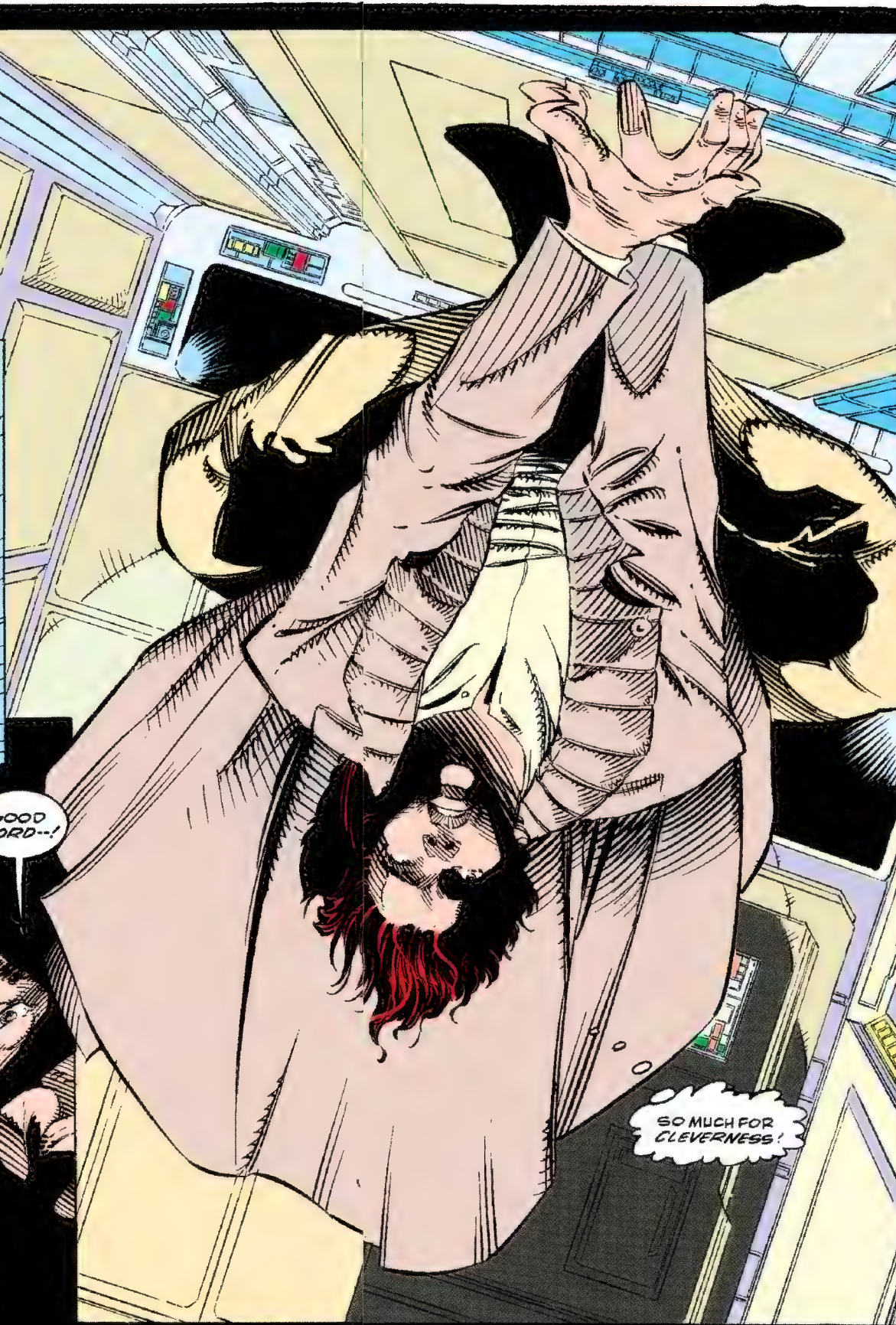
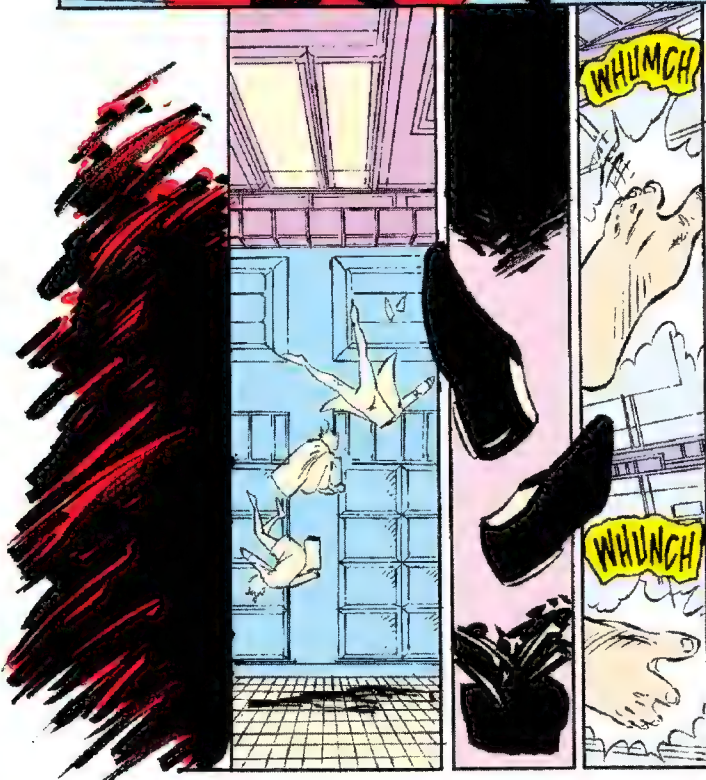
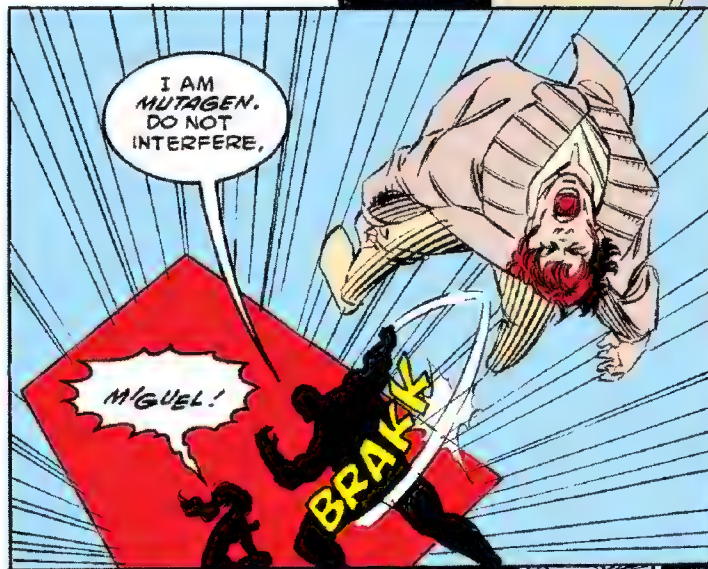
THEN I SEE
BABIES BORN WITH
HORRIFYING DEFECTS
THAT SHOULD NEVER
HAVE BEEN PASSED TO
THEM, BY PARENTS
WHO SHOULD NEVER
HAVE LIVED TO
REPRODUCE.

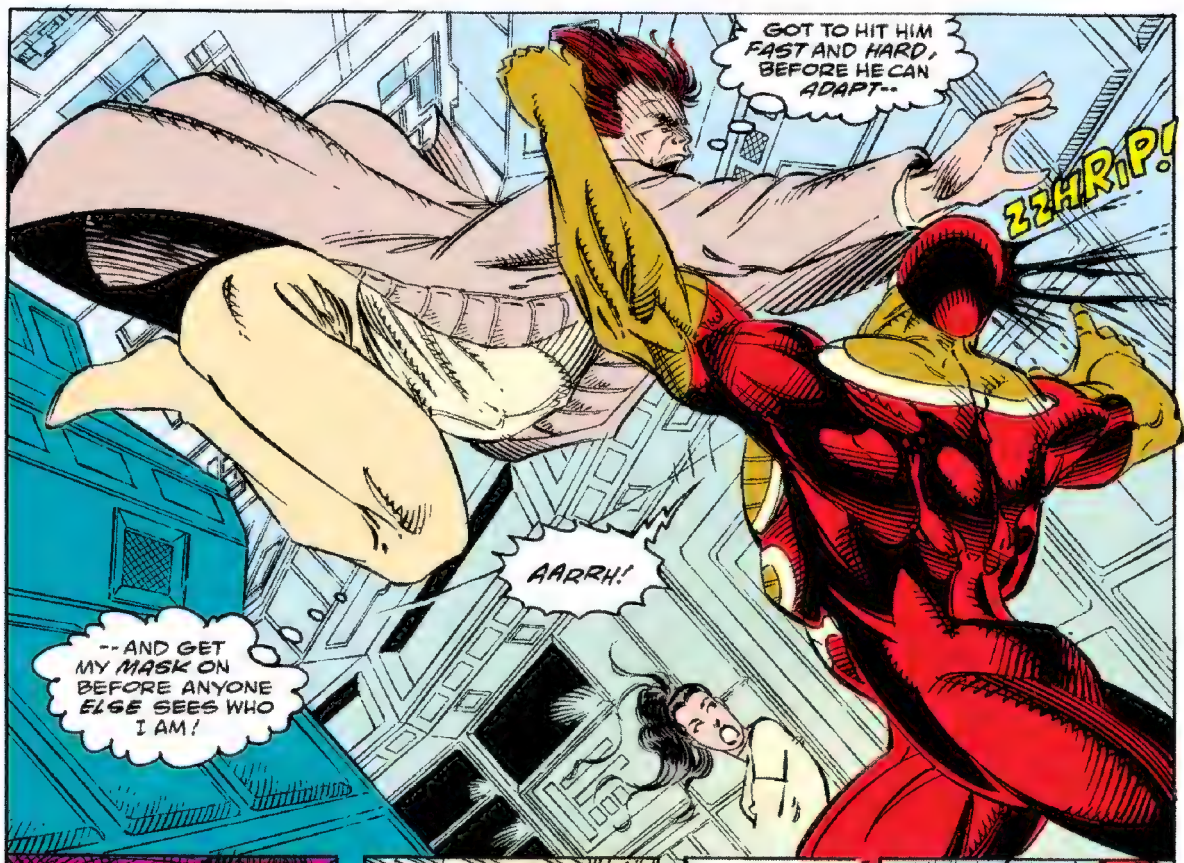
THEN I
REMEMBER
WHY I DO...
WHAT I
DO.



*MIGUEL FACED MUTAGEN IN
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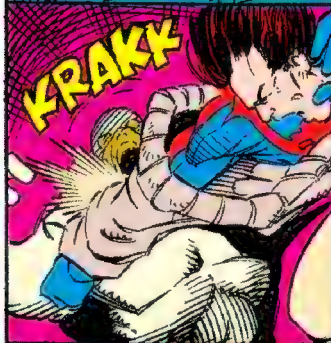


GOT TO HIT HIM FAST AND HARD, BEFORE HE CAN ADAPT...

ZZHRIP!

AARRH!

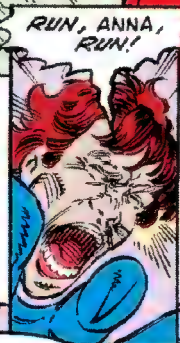
-- AND GET MY MASK ON BEFORE ANYONE ELSE SEES WHO I AM!



KRAKK



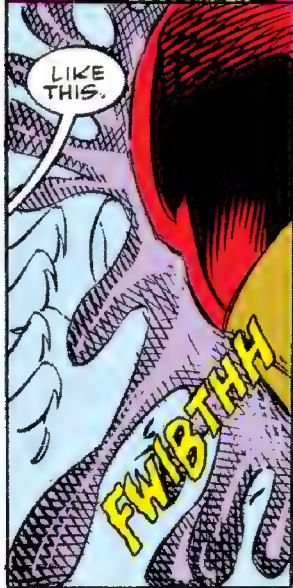
WHOKK



RUN, ANNA, RUN!

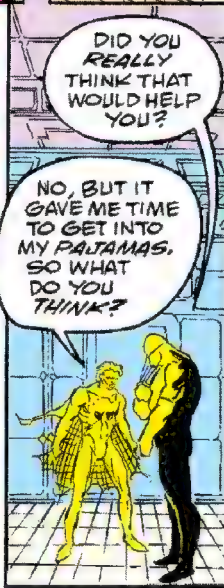


ENOUGH! HOW DARE YOU--



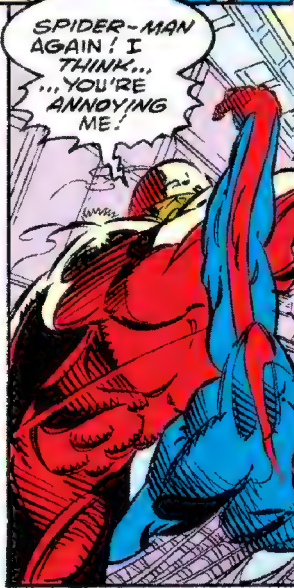
LIKE THIS.

FWIBTHH



DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT WOULD HELP YOU?

NO, BUT IT GAVE ME TIME TO GET INTO MY PANTAMAS. SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?

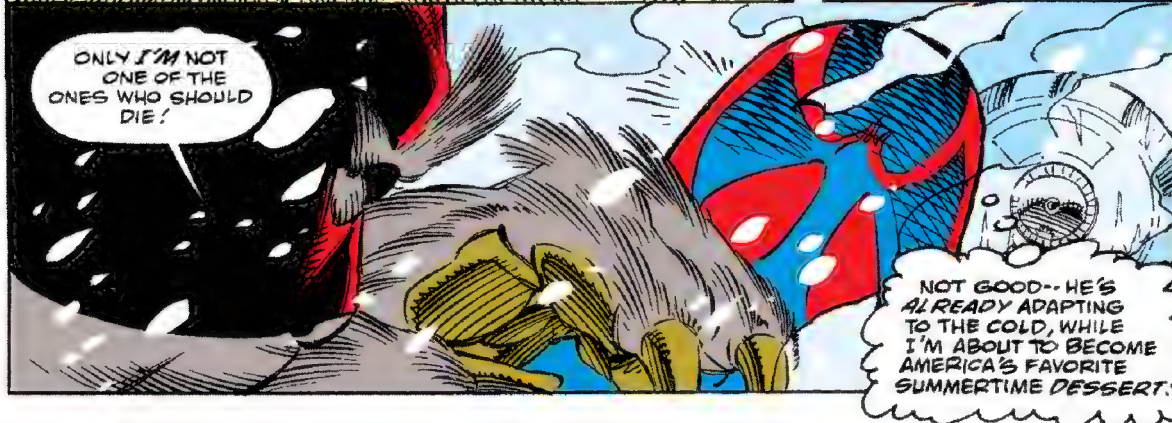
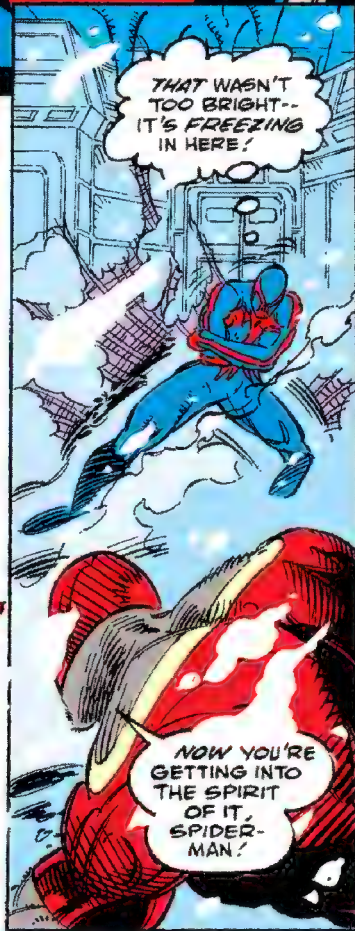
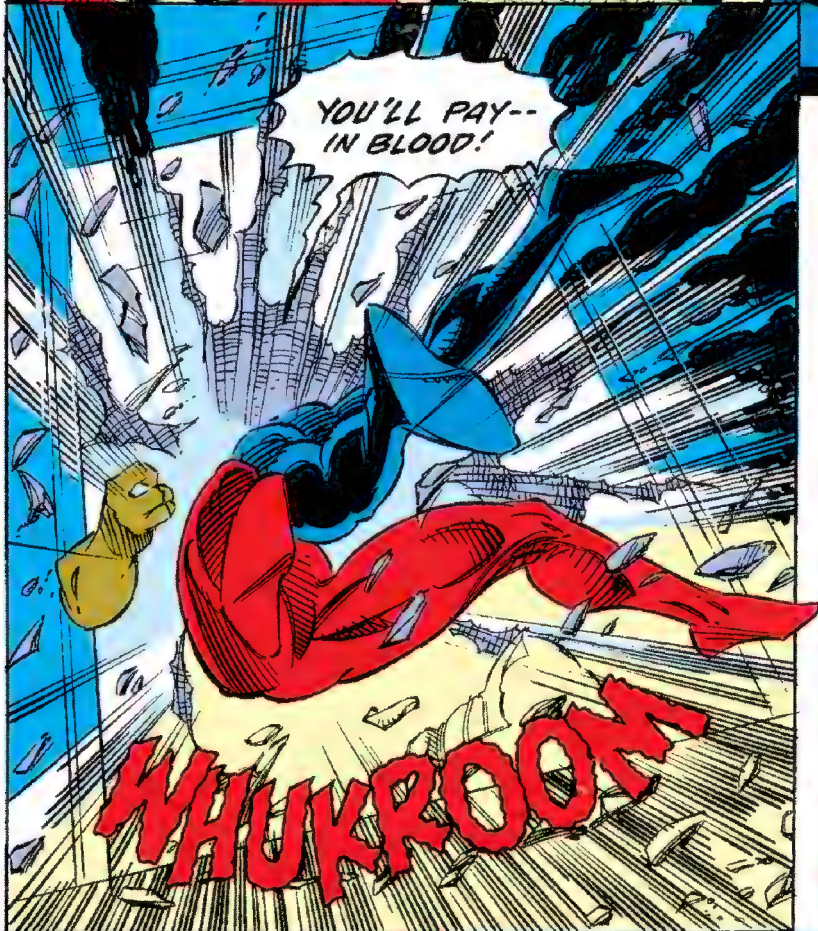
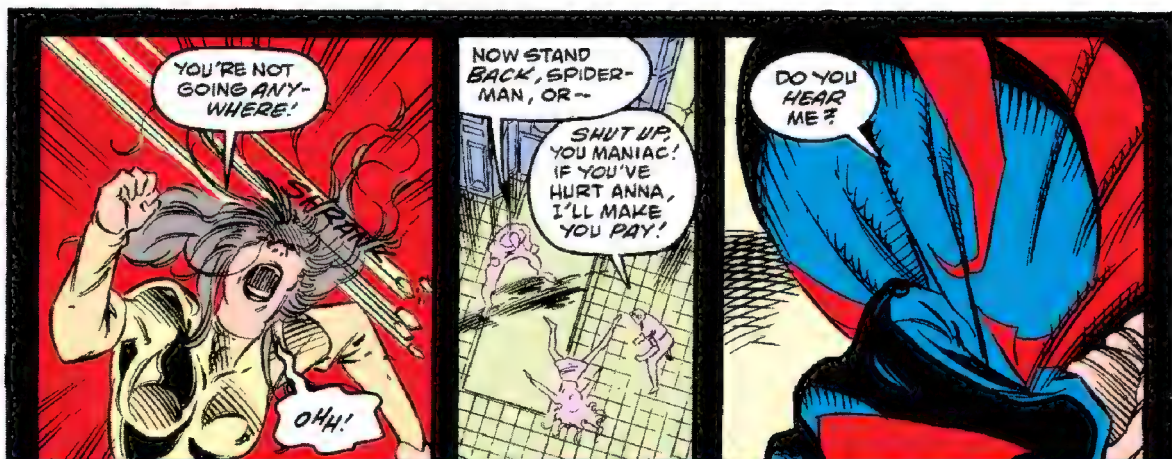


SPIDER-MAN AGAIN! I THINK... YOU'RE ANNOYING ME!

AH, ah, ah, GIRL...

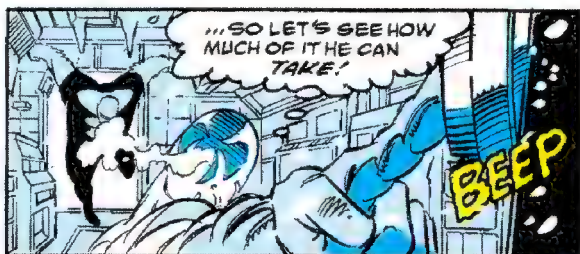
KLUDD

UHH!



IT'S THEM. THE GENETICALLY FLAWED. THE ONES WE'RE KEEPING ALIVE SO THAT THEY CAN PERPETUATE THEIR ILLNESSES. THEY'RE THE ENEMY! THEY'RE WHAT'S HOLDING US BACK!

OKAY--HE'S ADAPTING TO THE COLD...



...SO LET'S SEE HOW MUCH OF IT HE CAN TAKE!

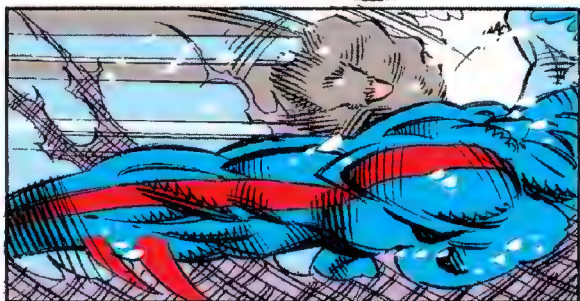
BEEP

BAD MISTAKE!

KRAKK

ASAB!

I LIKE THE COLD!

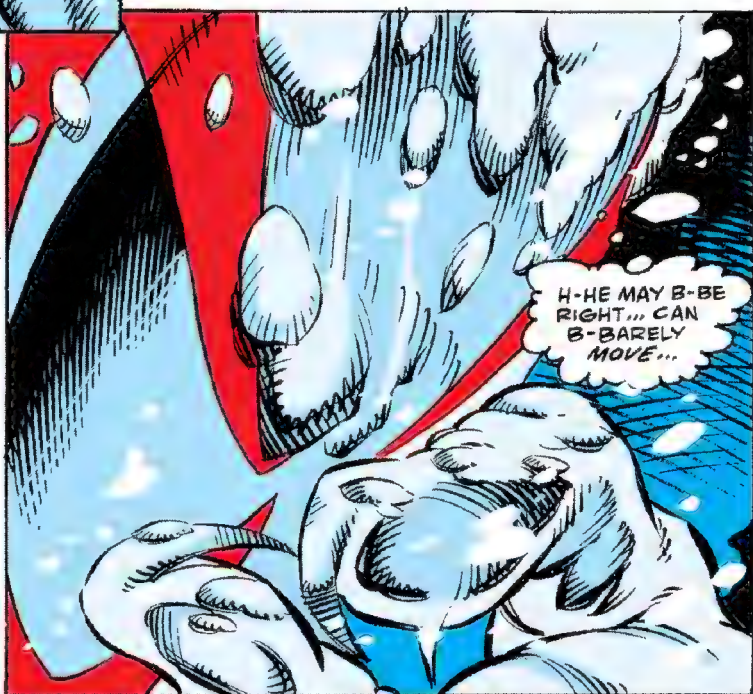


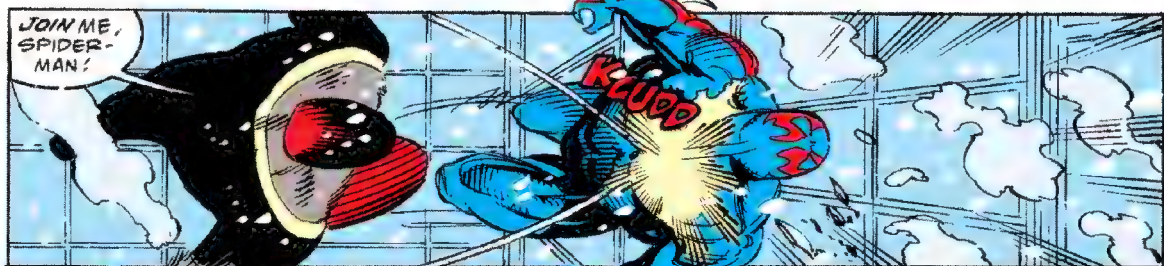
I'VE GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO IT-- MILLIONS OF YEARS OF EVOLUTION... COMPRESSED INTO MERE MOMENTS!

BRACK!

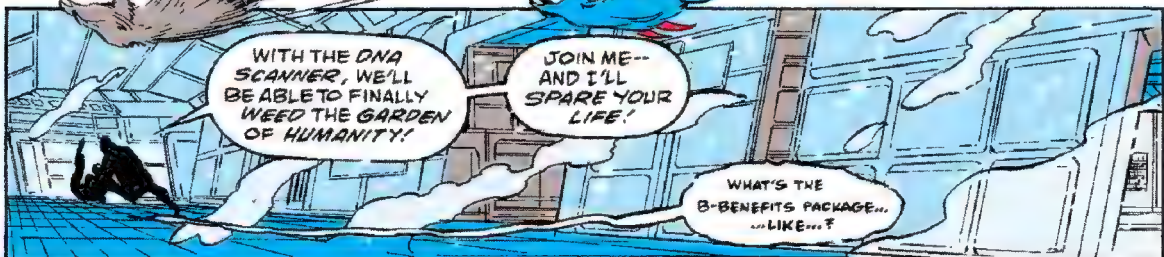
WHILE YOU'RE SIMPLY ABOUT TO BECOME... EXTINCT!

H-HE MAY B-BE RIGHT... CAN B-BARELY MOVE...





JOIN ME,
SPIDER-
MAN!



WITH THE DNA
SCANNER, WE'LL
BE ABLE TO FINALLY
WEED THE GARDEN
OF HUMANITY!

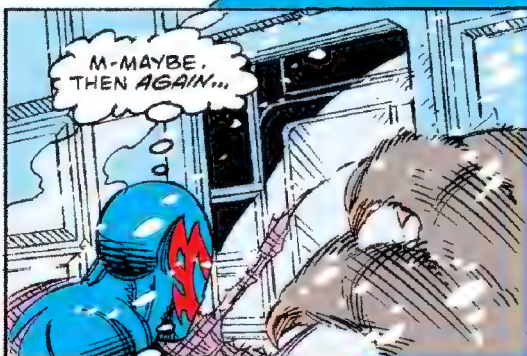
JOIN ME--
AND I'LL
SPARE YOUR
LIFE!

WHAT'S THE
B-BENEFITS PACKAGE...
...LIKE...?



YOU
MOCK
ME?!

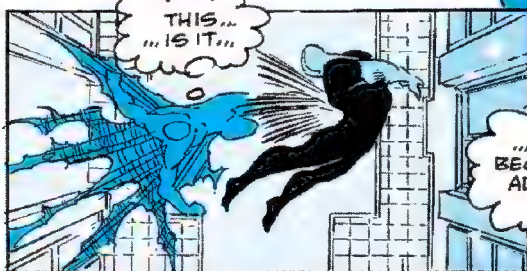
I SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN
YOU'D LACK
THE VISION!



M-MAYBE.
THEN AGAIN...



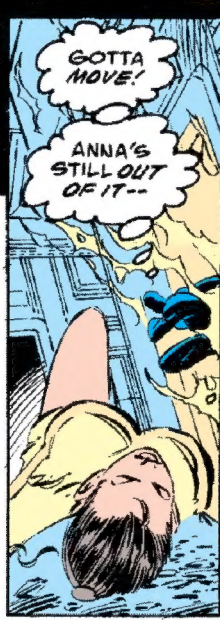
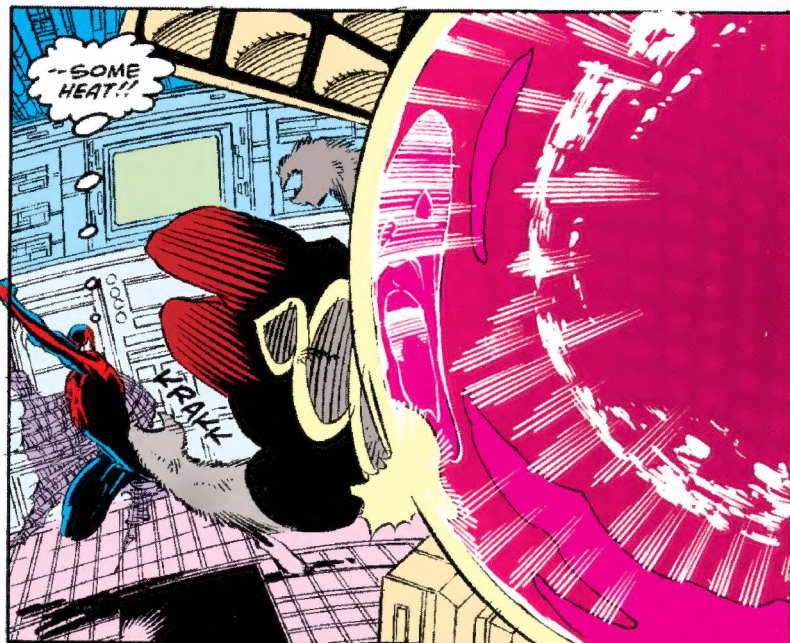
...M-MAYBE
MY V-VISION'S
WORKING
J-JUST FINE...

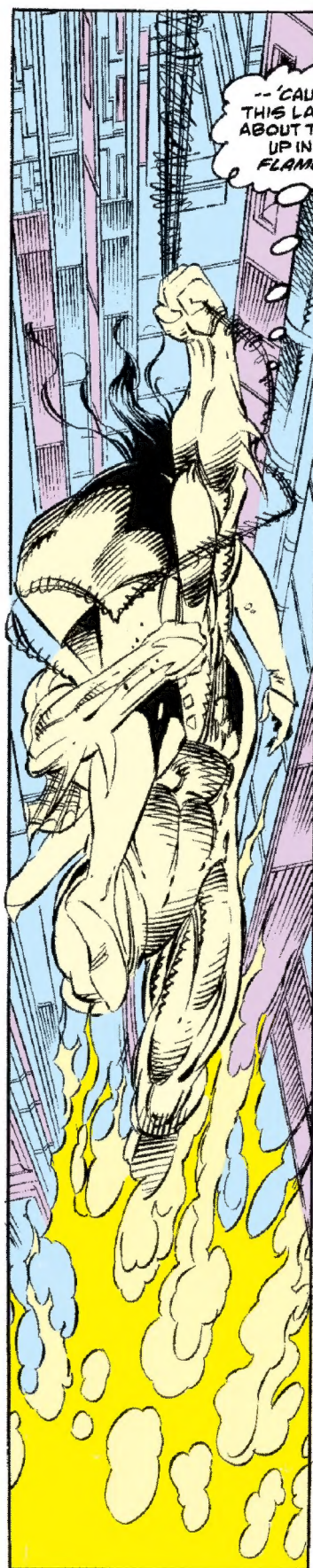


THIS...
...IS IT...

...M-MUTIE'S
BECOME W-WELL
ADAPTED TO
C-COLD...

BUT C-CAN
HE HANDLE...





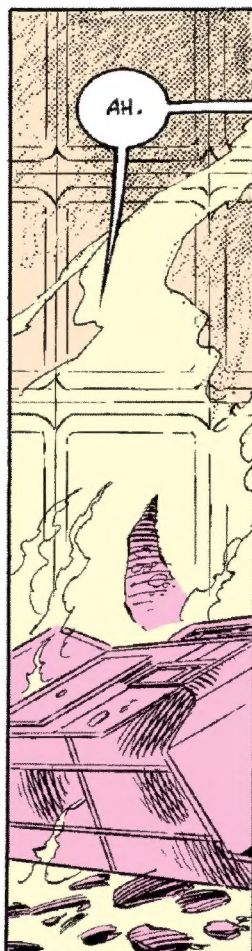
-- 'CAUSE
THIS LAB IS
ABOUT TO GO
UP IN
FLAMES!



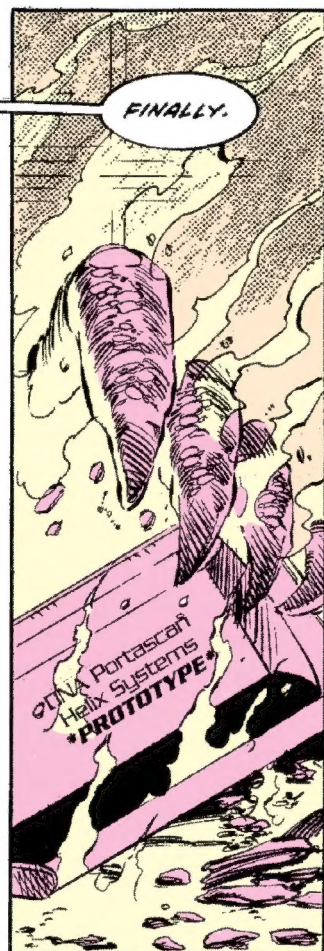
HOLD ON,
ANNA. NEXT
STOP, KNOX
HOSPITAL.



FAR
BELOW...

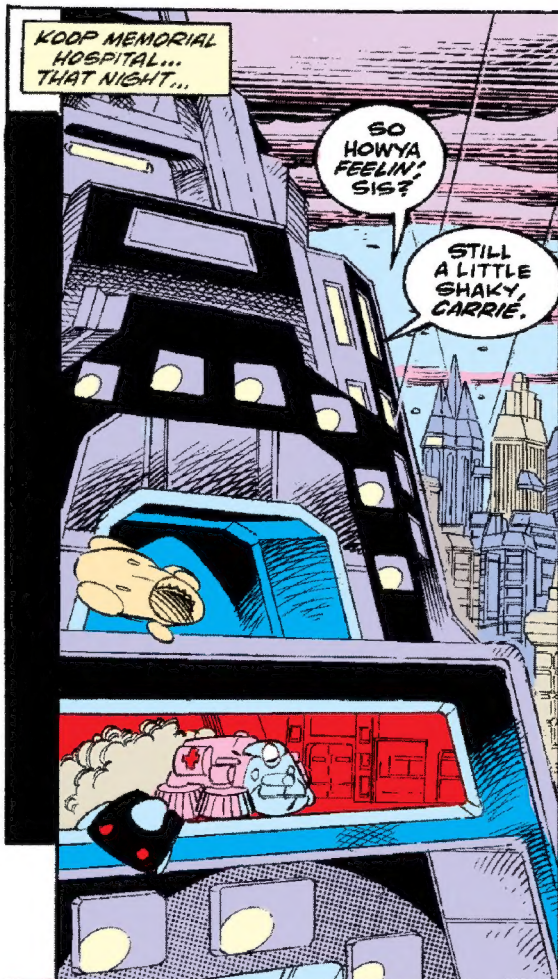


AH.



FINALLY.

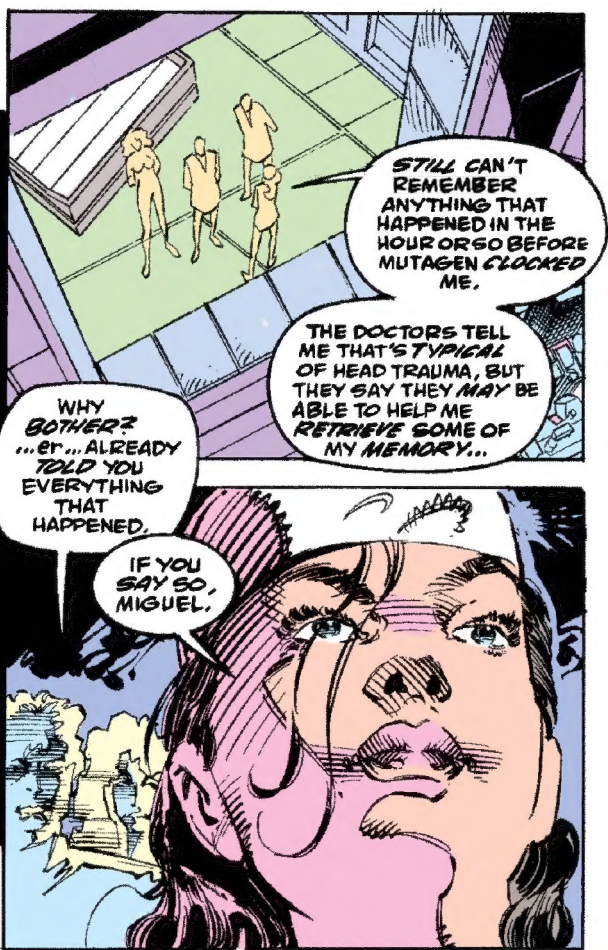
QNA Portascan
Helix Systems
PROTOTYPE



KOOP MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL...
THAT NIGHT...

SO
HOWYA
FEELIN',
SIS?

STILL
A LITTLE
SHAKY,
CARRIE.

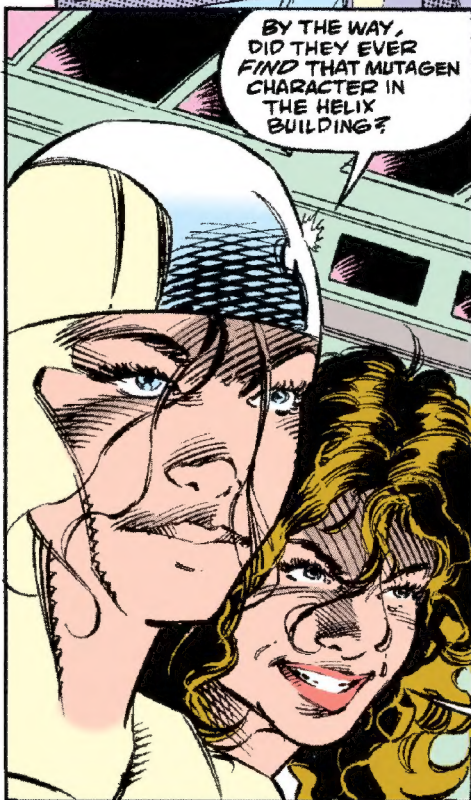


STILL CAN'T
REMEMBER
ANYTHING THAT
HAPPENED IN THE
HOUR OR SO BEFORE
MUTAGEN CLOCKED
ME.

THE DOCTORS TELL
ME THAT'S TYPICAL
OF HEAD TRAUMA, BUT
THEY SAY THEY MAY BE
ABLE TO HELP ME
RETRIEVE SOME OF
MY MEMORY...

WHY
BOTHER?
...ER... ALREADY
TOLD YOU
EVERYTHING
THAT
HAPPENED.

IF YOU
SAY SO,
MIGUEL.



BY THE WAY,
DID THEY EVER
FIND THAT MUTAGEN
CHARACTER IN
THE HELIX
BUILDING?



NO, AND...WE DON'T
KNOW IF HE GOT
WHATEVER IT WAS
HE WAS LOOKING
FOR, TOO.

S'OKAY, SIS.
YOU'RE SAFE NOW...
THAT'S ALL WE
NEED TO WORRY
ABOUT. TELL HER,
MIGUEL.



SHE'S
RIGHT,
ANNA.

THAT'S ALL WE
NEED TO WORRY
ABOUT.

END



Shadowcat

